

Docket No: 246770US-2 CIP
Inventor: Toshiki TAKAHASHI, et al.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

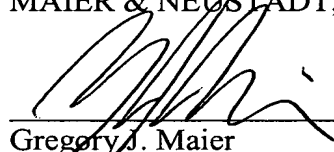
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11-15, 17, 19, and 22-41 are pending in the present application; Claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 16, 18, and 20-21 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and Claim 22 having been amended by way of the present amendment.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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